

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 40, line 2 and ending at line 15, to read as follows:

An elongated drive string assembly ~~comprising~~ includes a plurality of hollow sucker rods and a connecting elements ~~with an axis, connected together and between a drive head located at the surface of an oil well and a rotary pump located deep down hole in an oil well, with a series of holes at each end to substantially increase the flow of extracted fluid~~. Each hollow sucker rod has at least a first end ~~comprising an internal female threaded surface engaging an external male threaded surface on a connecting element, such as a nipple. In order to further optimize the stress distribution between the elements frusto-conical,~~ a first end with a torque shoulder, which engages a torque shoulder formed on a connecting element. The threads are frusto-conical, non-symmetrical threads with a differential diametral taper ~~are used~~. The torque shoulders have a maximized mean diameter and cross-sectional area to resist storing reactive torque in the drive string. ~~A modified nipple preferably has a small seal at its free end to decrease corrosion erosion problems. This overall configuration ensures high shear strength, lowered stress concentration and a surprising resistance to storing reactive torque, which minimizes dangerous backspin when power to the sucker rod string is interrupted.~~